

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-22 are currently pending. Claims 19-22 are hereby added. Claims 1, 7, 13 and 19 are independent. Claims 1, 7 and 13 are hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed, and specifically at page 75, lines 1-9. Changes to the claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,708,961 to Hylton et al. (hereinafter, merely Hylton). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Independent claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

A television reception system, comprising:

a channel selection apparatus . . .

wherein the channel selection apparatus includes a multicoupler to permit transmitting and receiving of signals on different frequencies on the same antenna, either alone or simultaneously and without interfering with one another;

As understood by the Applicants, Hylton discloses a digital network that delivers multiplexed channels to a customer premises. Each multiplexed channel contains a digitally multiplexed data stream relating to a number of programs. A shared processing system includes several channel selectors and program selectors. Each channel selector selects one of the multiplexed channels, and each program selector selects digitized information relating to a selected program from a selected channel. A multiplexer combines the selected digitized information from the program selectors that is broadcast in the customer premises. Hylton uses time-division multiplexing to broadcast information that is de-multiplexed when received.

In contrast, claim 1 recites that the channel selection apparatus comprises a multicoupler. A multicoupler permits a number of transmitters and receivers to operate effectively on different frequencies from the same antenna, simultaneously and without interfering with one another.

As described in the present application and shown in, for example, Fig. 16, transmission signals from the transmission signal formation sections 36a, 36b and 36c are modulated into signals of different frequency bands by the transmission processing section 37S and transmitted to the display apparatus 4, 5 and 6 (Fig. 15) through the multicoupler 37K and a transmission/reception antenna 38. Similarly, the channel selection apparatus 3 demodulates signals from the display apparatus 4, 5 and 6 received through the transmission/reception antenna

and the multicoupler 37K. Page 74, lines 6-18 and FIG. 16. Thus, the present invention transmits the transmission signals in different frequency bands as opposed to time-division multiplexing as disclosed in Hylton.

Claim 1 is not anticipated by Hylton because that reference does not disclose each and every element recited in the claim. In particular, Hylton does not disclose, "a multicoupler to permit transmitting and receiving of signals on different frequencies on the same antenna, either alone or simultaneously and without interfering with one another."

For reasons similar or somewhat similar to those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claim 7 is also believed to be patentable.

Claim 13 has been amended to recite, "the display apparatus is arranged to transmit information to the channel selection apparatus that includes indicia associated with said display apparatus." Thus, in the present invention, the information transmitted from each display apparatus are distinguished from one another by including an indication of the apparatus from which the information originates. This is not disclosed in Hylton.

Claim 13 is not anticipated by Hylton because that reference does not disclose each and every element recited in the claim as described above.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from one of the claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is also deemed

to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-22 are in condition for allowance. In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, or references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

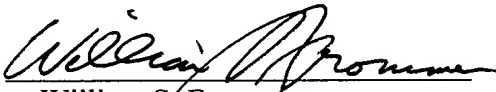
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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